

to the informer, the other half to be paid to the said justice for the use of the county ; and provided also, that if such slave shall act as aforesaid by the order of his owner or employer, he shall not be subject to whipping as aforesaid, but the owner or employer giving such order shall be subject to the penalty of sixty dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every justice of the peace shall, at the levy court of his county, annually account for all sums of money received by virtue of this act, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

Justices
to account
for money
received.

CHAPTER 31.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore.

Arranged in the subdivision of 'Public Local Law,' and distributed to 'Baltimore city court.'

CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT respecting Idiots, Lunatics, and Persons non compos mentis.

See 1785, ch. 72, and the notes thereto, ante page 208.

WHEREAS by law the chancellor is confined in making provision for the support of idiots, lunatics and persons non compos mentis, to the annual proceeds of the estate: And whereas it appears reasonable to this general assembly that the power should be increased,

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, the chancellor shall have full power and authority, in all cases where trustees shall or may be appointed under the authority of the chancery court for the management of the estates and persons of idiots, lunatics and persons non compos mentis, to order and direct the property of such idiot, lunatic or person non compos mentis, or so much thereof as he may judge necessary for the support of such idiot, lunatic or person non compos mentis, or for the payment of all reasonable and just expenses which such trustee or trustees may or have occurred, to be sold, upon such terms as he may think proper, and to appoint a trustee or trustees for the purpose of effecting such sale or sales, and the money arising therefrom to be applied to the discharge of such expenses.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in cases where a sale of the property of any idiot, lunatic or person non compos mentis, shall be necessary for the support of such person, and such property will not admit of division without prejudice thereto, or shall be so situated, or of such a nature, as to render it advisable and beneficial to such person, in the opinion of the chancellor, to sell the whole, or any greater part thereof than may be necessary for the immediate support of such person, the said

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